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The Appeal Brief filed on 06 February 2006 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

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1. ☒ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☒ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☐ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi)).
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7. ☐ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
8. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the evidence submitted under 37 CFR 1.130, 1.131, or 1.132 or of any other evidence entered by the examiner and **relied upon by appellant in the appeal**, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered by the examiner, as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(ix)).
9. ☐ The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
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The Brief includes a table of contents between the Real Party section and the Related Appeals section, see 1. supra. The Brief does not include a statement in section 4 as to what claims are appealed, see item 2. above. The brief does not include each ground of rejection under a separate heading, and for each ground of rejection applying to two or more claims, a separate subheading identifying the claims by number grouped together for argument, see item 6. above. For example, Appellant appears to have grouped claims 14, 45 and 16 and 35 in more than one group for the first ground of rejection as best understood. Therefore the subheading 1. should be limited to claims 11-13, 15, 17-20, 31-34, 35-40 and 46, the subheading for 2. should be limited to claims 14 and 45 and a third subheading 3. limited to claims 16 and 35 should be provided as best understood if these groups are argued separately from each other for the first ground of rejection. Under each subheading the argument pertaining to the claims listed in the subheading as a group should be clearly set forth. It is noted that Section (7) would be in better form if the grounds of rejection(2?) were clearly demarcated,